



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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SPORT 1

“I” ITEM NOTE

From: Council General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject: Establishment of a Working Party on Sport

1. Following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, sport has become, for the first time, formally an area of Union competence (Article 165).
2. The Commission envisages to propose several concrete proposals in the field of sport.
3. In order to assist the Permanent Representatives Committee in the preparation of the Council discussions on the forthcoming Commission initiatives in the field of sport, an appropriate preparatory body within the Council needs to be established.
4. Against this background, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve, in accordance with Article 19(3) of the Council Rules of Procedure, a new Working Party on Sport¹.

¹ In accordance with the principle already agreed by Coreper (see doc. 11176/07, point 6 (e) on page 3), this newly created working party will be subject to the "on request" system for interpretation.